

CLAIMS

What is claimed to be new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A guard for a lamp, the lamp being useful for heating a cage having an animal therein, comprising:
 - a) a lamp disposed in the cage for providing light and heat to the cage, said lamp having a base on one end and a concave reflector on a second end, said concave reflector having an open end thereon, a lip being disposed on said open end of said reflector;
 - b) a light source disposed in said lamp for providing light and heat to the cage;
 - c) a screen guard disposed on said lip of said lamp to prevent the animal from contacting the light source; and,
 - d) a plurality of fasteners disposed on said screen guard to permit the screen guard to be attached to the lamp.

2. The guard of Claim 1, wherein said light source comprises a light bulb.

3. The guard of Claim 2, wherein said screen guard is substantially planar and complementarily sized as said open end of said lamp.

4. The guard of Claim 3, wherein said screen guard is substantially circular to fit said open end of said lamp.

5. The guard of Claim 4, wherein at least two of said fasteners are fixedly attached to said screen guard, wherein at least one of said fasteners is removably attached to said screen guard.

6. The guard of Claim 5, wherein said fixedly attached fasteners are welded to said screen guard.

7. The guard of Claim 6, wherein said fasteners are U-shaped having a first and second sides wherein said sides form a pair of flanges, wherein said flanges receive said screen guard and said lip thereinbetween said sides thereof to permit the screen guard to be attached to the lamp.

8. The guard of Claim 7, wherein at least one of said first and second

sides of said fasteners are welded to said screen guard.

9. The guard of Claim 8, wherein said removably attached fastener comprises a pem-type fastener to permit the screen guard to be removably attached to the lamp.

10. The guard of Claim 9, wherein one side of said removably attached fastener has a threaded aperture therein for receiving a mating threaded nut, said threaded nut having a nut end and a threaded end, said threaded end of said threaded nut passing through said screen guard, said threaded end of said threaded nut mating with a threaded insert disposed inside said screen guard to permit said fastener to be removably attached to the lamp.

11. The guard of Claim 10, further comprising a deflector plate disposed between said screen guard and said light source to permit light to be deflected into said concave reflector to prevent the animal from being burned by the light source.

12. The guard of Claim 11, wherein said deflector plate is connected to said screen guard by a threaded fastener.

13. The guard of Claim 12, wherein said screen guard has an aperture therein, wherein said aperture is centrally located in said screen guard, wherein said

deflector plate has female threads centrally disposed therein, said threaded fastener having a screw head end and a threaded end, said threaded end passing through said aperture in said screen guard to mate with said female threads centrally disposed in said deflector plate to permit the deflector plate to be connected to the screen guard.